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***The Scarlet Letter* Chapters 20 and 21**

**Chapter 20**

1. What plans did Hester and Arthur make?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. How do you explain Arthur's behavior in this chapter? What "revolution" has taken place?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Why does Arthur refuse Chillingworth's medicine?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. What do you think the minister has written for his sermon?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. Why is Dimmesdale's encounter with Mistress Hibbins important?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. What is the irony in the conversation between Dimmesdale and Chillingworth?

## **Chapter 21**

1. Explain Hester's attitude on the day of the election sermon.
2. What accounts for Pearl's mood?
3. How does this chapter deepen our understanding of Puritan culture and its relationship to the outside world?
4. How does Pearl's observation of the minister reveal his weakness?
5. How does the mood in the marketplace compare to the first scene in the marketplace in Ch. 1?
6. What does Hester learn from the sea captain?